Hyperbole (pronounced: hy-PER-bol-ee) is an exaggerated phrase used in writing that is not meant to be taken literally.

Hyperbole Cafe
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Welcome to our restaurant
Where everything's gigantic.
A hundred waiters hold one dish.
Our kitchen can get frantic.
Our soup is deeper than the sea.
Our noodles stretch a mile.
The bread is longer than a train.
It's sure to make you smile.
We pile our peas up mountain high.
One cookie hides the moon.
We pour our iced tea into boats.
We hope you'll visit soon.
Write a sentence that uses hyperbole to describe each item below.

**example:** a quick runner

James runs faster than a speeding bullet.

1. a large pile of snow

2. a heavy math book

3. a deep puddle of water

4. a tall boy

5. a quiet girl
Tell whether each sentence uses hyperbole. Write “hyperbole” or “not hyperbole” on each line.

1. James is growing so fast, soon he'll be taller than the trees.  
   ___________________________  hyperbole

2. My backpack weighed a ton.  
   ___________________________  not hyperbole

3. It is raining extremely hard outside.  
   ___________________________  not hyperbole

4. I am so tired I could sleep for a year.  
   ___________________________  hyperbole

5. Megan is the best speller in the class.  
   ___________________________  not hyperbole

Rewrite each sentence. Add hyperbole to your new sentence.

6. It is freezing cold outside.  
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7. The living room in our house is very small.  
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8. Cara is a very smart girl.  
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